

REMARKS

The present amendment is being submitting in response to the Notice of Abandonment dated August 8, 2006, and the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated November 8, 2005 stating that the amendment dated October 6, 2005, was non-compliant. Applicants are hereby resubmitting the above-identified amendments in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.173(b). No additional changes have been submitted herewith. Entry of these amendments are respectfully requested.

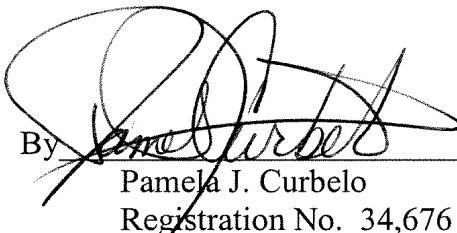
Claim 43 has been amended, Claims 44 and 46 – 48 have been cancelled, and Claim 56 has been added, leaving Claims 1 – 43, 45, and 50 – 56.

It is noted in the Notice that “no drawings were submitted”. However, the drawings submitted with the filing of the reissue application were identified as acceptable in the Office Action dated April 5, 2005. No amendments were made to the drawings.

If any fees are due in connection with this Amendment, or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 22851.

Respectfully submitted,

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